

Atty. Dkt. No. 035451-0127 (3626.Palm.SG)

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and in view of the reasons that follow.

A detailed listing of all claims that are, or were, in the application, irrespective of whether the claim(s) remain under examination in the application, is presented, with an appropriate defined status identifier.

In the Advisory Action dated November 21, 2003 the Examiner:

indicated that the combination of Dutta and Helms discloses at least two light sensors depicting ambient light conditions near the front surface of the display as the term, "near" is vague and thus broadly interpreted by the Office. The term, "near" as defined in the "Mirriam-Webster Collegiate Dictionary, Tenth Edition," states, "1: at within a short distance" (see page 774). The Office interprets the photodetectors of Helms, "within a short distance" from the display. Further, the rejection of Claims 8-12 and 13-17 have been withdrawn in view of the applicants' arguments filed in the Request for Reconsideration, paper no. 8. Neither Dutta nor Helms explicitly disclose detecting ambient light conditions in a mobile electronic device whereby the multiple lighting conditions are on a same side of the display of the device.

Applicants thank the Examiner for discussing the current claim amendment by telephone on December 9, 2003. The issue discussed was the removal of the term "near" from "each light sensor configured to provide input to the computing electronics regarding ambient light conditions at or near the front surface of the display." As the Examiner indicated, neither Dutta nor Helms explicitly disclosed detecting ambient lighting conditions in a mobile electronic device whereby the multiple lighting conditions are on a same side of the display of the device. Accordingly, Applicants request that the amendment to independent claim 1 be entered and that claim 1 and its dependents be allowed. Applicants respectfully submit that the claim amendment raises no new issues which would require further searching.

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Based on the enclosed amendment and corresponding remarks, the notice of allowance is earnestly solicited.

Claims 1-17 are now pending in this application.

Applicants believe that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 06-1447. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 06-1447. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicant hereby petitions for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 06-1447.

Respectfully submitted,

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